

Town of Norwood Board of Trustees

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

NORWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

1670 Naturita St, Norwood, CO 81423

- And - Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Town of Norwood Board of Trustees, San Miguel County, and State of Colorado was called to order by Mayor Kieffer Parrino at 7:00 p.m. and those being present were as follows:

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor, Kieffer Parrino	PRESENT		
Trustee, Candy Meehan	PRESENT	Trustee, Kerry Welch	PRESENT
Trustee, Jaime Schultz	PRESENT	Trustee, Shawn Fallon	PRESENT

Town Administrator, Patti Grafmyer	PRESENT	Town Clerk, Amanda Pierce	PRESENT
Public Works Director, Tim Lippert	PRESENT		

Others: Sonny Lopez, Carrie Andrew, Mark Garcia, Wendy Crank, Gretchen Wells, Nancy Hrupcin, Demian Brooks, David Bruce, Morgan Runnel, Patrick Rondinelli, Regan Tuttle, Kris Holstrom, April Montgomery, Unknown Name on Zoom, Gen Roach, Simon Andrew

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL/REVIEW OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of March 03, 2021
- Minutes of March 10, 2021
- April Bills and Accounts

MOTION: Candy Meehan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

- a. Shawn Fallon seconded
- b. All others approved. Motion Passed.

BOARD BUSINESS:

JUST Transition Funding, Patrick Rondinelli – DOLA
(Information Attached)

Norwood is a Tier 1 JUST Community allowing for financial grants from the State of Colorado. Patrick Rondinelli suggested to start brainstorming a "Vision for our Town" with projects that could include economic development, infrastructure, housing etc... and then prioritize those projects. Once list is complete in priority order, then DOLA can help find funding to support those projects, being a JUST community will allow for priority in applications. Patrick will be the point of contact for infrastructure type projects and Kat will help with job recruitment type opportunities. Patrick reiterated that the Town has time to develop a strategy however need to execute working on priorities and DOLA would be glad to help facilitate. Jaime Schultz asked if 6 months would be an appropriate timeline to create the priority lists and Patrick agreed it would be. Carrie Andrew wanted to remind the board that "Community Builders" had created 9 areas for ideas that was presented last August. Additionally, Kris Holstrom asked if there could be an opportunity for an outside entities to help facilitate the conversation in a work session

and Patrick stated there are funding options for outside facilitators and he would be glad to help find funding. Patrick wanted to make sure the Board of Trustees understood that San Miguel County is not a JUST transition community even though Norwood is, and that is what makes these funding opportunities unique.

Fund request for Paintball Party for NHS, Wendy Crank

Wendy Crank, San Miguel County Juvenile Diversion, presented a funding request for a paintball tournament for the Norwood High School kids in conjunction with Sonny Lopez since they are unable to do a Safe and Sober After Prom. It will cost almost \$2200 to fund the Norwood kids to participate, additionally, one student with the high score will be scanned into the video game. Juvenile Diversion recently did a survey to pinpoint depression and 46% of the students had thought about suicide, and that was only Norwood students. This event is a direct attack on depression to allow the kids to have a healthy release and stay active. Juvenile Diversion has funding for the Telluride students, but that sponsor will only sponsor Telluride Kids so Wendy and Sonny are just needing a sponsor for the Norwood students.

MOTION: Candy Meehan made a motion to approve sponsoring the Paintball tournament in the amount of \$2053.10.

- a. Kerri Welch seconded
- b. Shawn Fallon called for discussion.

Shawn Fallon had concerns that the amount requesting was a lot and he felt it would be paying for Sonny's commercial business by sponsoring that amount to pay for the paintball course itself. Shawn was also concerned with Juvenile Diversion not getting additional sponsors rather than just asking the Town of Norwood for money. Jaime Schultz asked if the course would remain in Norwood to be used by the community or will it be taken elsewhere to gain profit. Sonny replied that it is not for commercial use but rather fundraising and increased togetherness for our community and to be used at community events.

- c. All board members approved Candy Meehan's Motion, except Shawn Fallon who voted No. Motion Passed.

Farmer's Market Agreement, Gretchen Wells **(Agreement Attached)**

Farmer's Market will be Thursdays from 4-8pm at the Pocket Park. They will be waiving vendor fees since the vendors are required to carry insurance. May 6th is going to be the start. All board members agree with the agreement attached and were excited for the market this year.

Update and Report, David Bruce

David Bruce plans to join the board monthly to give a direct communication regarding the possibility of an employee housing project. Telluride Foundation is working on the funding for the homes and San Miguel County donated the land. A community advisory committee has been put together as "the voice" of feedback for the idea of housing. The advisor committee is an open committee that will help guide the foundation and help deter rumors and give updates. Currently, Carrie Andrew, Matt Mogg, Monat Ragsdale and Ken Watt are on the advisory board. Currently timeline ideas are as follows: Spring 2021 Sketch Plan, Summer/Fall Review Proposal, Fall/Winter 2021 Preliminary Site, Spring 2022 framing Starts, Summer 2022 Complete and in home by fall of 2022. Shawn Fallon stated he has heard a lot of rumors and looks forward to more updates. David Bruce stated if the board or staff hear rumors in the community and need clarification please send "the person" to Carrie Andrew or David Bruce for clarification.

Planning and Zoning Board Application **(Applications Attached)**

3 Applications were submitted, one of which was passed the deadline. There is still an opening for a Wrights Mesa Resident as an Ex-Officio member.

MOTION: Kerry Welch made a motion to approve Nancy Hrupcin as the at large member, Morgan Rummel as first alternate, and Pamela Simms as second alternate.

- a. Shawn Fallon seconded
- b. All others approved. Motion Passed.

Fund Request for Water Information Event, Candy Meehan

Candy Meehan stated she is planning a water education/information day at Norwood Town Park on June 5 from 10am-2pm. She is asking the Town of Norwood to sponsor the event up to \$1500, \$600 would be reception tents that could be rented out and used for other events. She has already started planning with local organizations to participate and give out education. Shawn asked about other avenues for funding, Patti did say that Colorado Rural Water could help with some education printing.

MOTION: Jaime Schultz made a motion to approve \$900 for event.

- a. Kerry Welch seconded
- b. All others approved. Motion Passed.

**Consideration of Liquor License Renewal, Local Liquor
(Application Attached)**

MOTION: Candy Meehan made a motion to approve Local Liquor's Liquor License Renewal Application.

- a. Shawn Fallon seconded
- b. All others approved. Motion Passed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works Report - *Tim Lippert, Public Works Director*

Tim Lippert stated Farmer's Water is expecting the raw water to be available middle of May with low snowpack. He additionally reported on last month's board concerns about the drainage of Market and Summit, he stated it is an irrigation ditch so it is extremely hard to keep the drainage clear in that area. The board said they would like to put drainage as an item for the DOLA funding opportunity.

**Administrator's Report - *Patti Grafmyer, Town Administrator*
(Written Report – attached)**

Discussion and consideration of Contract for Henry Hemphill, Town Planner

MOTION: Candy Meehan made a motion to Hemphill Planning Services for an additional 6 months.

- a. Jaime Schultz seconded
- b. All others approved. Motion Passed.

Shawn Fallon asked staff to include Park and Rec director in the invites for the Ride the Rockies planning meetings. Amanda confirmed she would add the director to the calendar invite.

Patti asked the board to consider being part of the Colorado Stargazer Marketing program.

MOTION: Shawn Fallon made a motion to contribute \$250 to the Colorado Stargazing Designation.

- a. Kerry Welch seconded
- b. All others approved. Motion Passed.

Discussion regarding how the Town would like to proceed with the law enforcement vacancy. Kerry Welch wanted to keep the Marshal's Office instead of using the Sheriff's office due to cost suggested previously. Shawn Fallon and Jaime Schultz would like to at least have a discussion with the county to see if the Town could afford to contract with them. Candy Meehan felt it may over burden the county and wants to have someone who represents the town specifically. More discussion about individual applicants but staff stated they could not disclose individual applications in an open meeting and would like the board to decide on how to proceed as a vision versus based on the applicants received. Shawn Fallon, Jaime Schultz and Candy Meehan would like to be

on a hiring committee for the law enforcement position if it does not work out with the County, Kerry Welch and Kieffer Parrino felt they may have a conflict. Nancy Hrupcin also volunteered. Patti will update once she hears back from the county.

Special Committee Reports/Announcements:

Mayor Parrino - None.

Kerry Welch - None.

Jamie Shultz – Has had two complaints regarding the excessive dust when street sweeping and suggested our streets use water in the sweeper to help with the dust, Tim stated he does not feel it helps and only balls up the sweeper when the dirt gets wet.

Candy Meehan – Stated the town is up for COVID relief funds and she would like everyone to think about using the funds to hire a grant writer for the community to help bring funds to our community.

Shawn Fallon – likes the idea of the grant writer like Candy had suggested. Park and Rec are having issues with prairie dogs on the disc golf course and would like suggestions offline on how to handle them.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: Shawn Fallon made a motion to adjourn at 10:19pm.

- a. Candy Meehan seconded
- b. All others approved. Motion Passed.

APPROVED

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DATE APPROVED:


Amanda Pierce, Town Clerk